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12:00 – 05:30 p.m.	**EXIBITOR SET-UP** | Events Center Exhibitors must be set-up by 5:30pm and be ready to receive guests at the Trade Show. No set-up permitted while trade show is open.
02:00 – 5:00 p.m.	**AFFILIATE BOARD MEETINGS** | Conference Center
02:00 p.m. Room: Abenia B	NY Federation Board Meeting | Kelli Timbrook
03:00 p.m. Room: Triuna	NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling | Dan Lilkas-Rain
03:00 p.m. Room: Evelly	NYS Association for Solid Waste Management | Josh Olbrys
03:00 p.m. Room: Wapanak	SWANA, NYS Chapter | Lori Clark
03:00 – 05:00 p.m.	**CHECK-IN**
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03:00 – 04:00 p.m.	**REFRESHMENTS** | Conference Center
06:30 – 09:00 p.m.	**BBQ BUFFET WITH EXHIBITORS** | Events Center
9:15 – 9:45 p.m.	**FIREWORKS OVER LAKE GEORGE** | Main Hotel Veranda

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Tuesday Activity Spotlight: Scenic Boat Tour on Lake George

Take a tour of Lake George (also known as the Queen of the American Lakes) and take in the unique ecosystem. Lake George is a source of drinking water but has challenges with managing water quality. Learn about this historic lake and the surrounding watershed.

07:30 – 08:30 a.m.	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & WHOVA HELP DESK** | Conference Center
07:30 – 8:30 a.m.	**ADIRONDACK BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS** | Events Center
ALL DAY	**TRADE SHOW** | Events Center | *Closed 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. for lunch*
08:00 – 08:15 a.m. Room: Abenia	**MONDAY'S INTRO / PREP** | Conference Center *Speakers, Moderators & Activity Coordinators only*
08:30 – 09:45 a.m.	**GENERAL SESSION** | Conference Center
08:30 – 08:45 a.m. Room: Bellvue	**WELCOME & NY FEDERATION UPDATE** Kelli Timbrook, Vice Chairperson, Federation of New York Solid Waste Associations
08:45 – 09:45 a.m. Room: Bellvue Moderator: David Biderman, Biderman Consulting	**VISIONARIES OF WASTE: AI LEADERS ON WHAT COMES NEXT** This dynamic opening plenary brings together AI technology experts for an interactive discussion on the rapidly evolving role of artificial intelligence in the solid waste and recycling sector. Drawing from audience questions gathered through a pre-conference poll, the panel will explore emerging tools, practical applications, and future opportunities for integrating AI in operations, planning, and decision-making. This engaging, audience-driven session sets the stage for a forward-looking conference focused on innovation and problem-solving. • Lia Kiam | Visia • Nikihil Balachandran | Zabble
09:45 – 10:45 a.m.	**NETWORKING BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS** | Events Center
10:45 – 12:15 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** | Conference Center
Room: Bellvue Moderator: David Biderman Biderman Consulting Session Sponsor: TRC Companies	**AI IN ACTION: HOW ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES ARE RESHAPING OUR INDUSTRY** • From Hazard Detection to Full Material Intelligence: Using AI to Prevent Battery Fires and Automate Audits in Waste Operations Lia Kiam | Visia • From Policy to Practice: Advancing Zero Waste Through Data-Driven Action Nikhil Balachandran | Zabble • AI and Tech Trends in the Waste Industry Fearghal Murphy | WIS
Room: Nirvana Moderator: Kenneth Armellino Reworld Waste **1.5 PDH**	**UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITIES: CLEAN AIR, REAL COSTS AND PUBLIC IMPACT** • USEPA's March 2026 Final Rule for MACT for Large Municipal Waste Combustors Michael Van Brunt | Reworld Waste • Quantifying Air Quality Impacts of the U.S. Waste-to-Energy Sector: Facility-Level Contributions to County Emissions of Criteria and Hazardous Air Pollutants Rachel Ioffe | City College of New York (CUNY) • PFAS Emissions Testing at Municipal Waste Combustors Michael Van Brunt | Reworld Waste
Room: Wapanak Moderator: Christopher Dohner Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. **1.5 PDH**	**WHERE WATER GOES: UNDERSTANDING RUNOFF, EROSION, AND LEACHATE IN WASTE SYSTEMS** • GCCM specified to ASTM D8364 for Low Cost, Low Carbon, Long Term Solutions to Stormwater Management, Weed Suppression, Concrete Remediation and Erosion Control Issues Nathan Ivy, Concrete Canvas US • Modeling Chemical Leaching to Waterbodies from Crumb Rubber Infill Associated with End-of-Life Tires John Atkinson | State University of New York (Buffalo) • Quantifying Leachate Impacts from Landfill Capping Samuel Nicolai | Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

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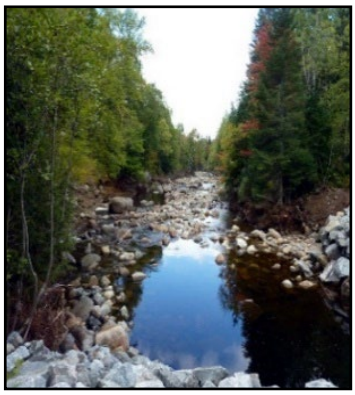
Tuesday Activity Spotlight: Vigorous Adirondack Hike

Join your colleagues for an invigorating 3 – 4-hour hike (not incl. travel time) led by a licensed guide. Spectacular views of the Adirondack Mountains & Lake George await at the summit. Hikers should expect to climb a few steeper areas and cross babbling brooks. Appropriate hiking footwear is strongly recommended.
The mountain beckons!



10:45 – 12:15 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONT.)** | Conference Center
Room: Evelly Moderator: Kendall Christiansen Gaia Strategies	**THE ROOT OF THE MATTER: CULTIVATING SMARTER ORGANICS DIVERSION ACROSS NY** • Building Momentum on Waste Reduction: Ground Up Solutions for Organics Diversion on Long Island Marjorie Spitz | Long Island Organics Initiative Melissa Young | Syracuse University • From the Adirondacks to the Island: Strategies for Organics Diversion in NY Marjorie Spitz | Table2Ground Jennifer Perry | Compost for Good Nick Krupski | Town of Southold
Room: Triuna Moderator: Bodhi Piedmont-Fleischmann Tetra Tech **1.0 PDH**	**BUILT TO LAST: UPGRADES THAT BOOST PERFORMANCE AND CUT COSTS** • NYCDOS Northshore Marine: How they Selected the most sustainable Concrete Floor Vincent Beyer | The Euclid Chemical Company • Landfill Financial Impacts and Operational Opportunities for Replacing Cover Soil with an Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) Jeff Palutis | ATMOS Technologies • Building Regional Resiliency : Technical Foundations of OCRRA's Ley Creek Redevelopment Jack Connery | Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCCRA)
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	**LUNCH** | Main Hotel
02:00 – 02:30 p.m.	**ANNUAL MEETING | SWANA, NYS CHAPTER** | Conference Center: Triuna
02:30 – 04:00 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** | Conference Center
Room: Bellvue Moderator: Gary Carrel Erie County, NY	**DON'T GET BURNED: PREVENTING BATTERY FIRES BEFORE THEY SPARK** • Powering Prevention: Inside the "Skip the Bin! Turn Your Batteries in!" National Batter Safety Campaign | Michael E. Hoffman | National Waste & Recycling Association • Advancing Fire Prevention in Battery Collection and Recycling Todd Ellis | The Battery Network *(formerly Call2Recycle)* • Designing New York's Vape Waste Collection Pilot: Reducing Battery Fire Risk Through Infrastructure, Safety, and Policy Amanda Trinh | Product Stewardship Institute
Room: Nirvana Moderator: Melissa Rotini Westchester County, NY **1.5 PDH**	**GHG REPORTING IN NEW YORK: REPORTING, VERIFICATION AND METHODOLOGY** • Greenhouse Gas Reporting Under 6 NYCRR Part 253: Preparing the Solid Waste Sector for State-Level Climate Accounting Kyle Williams, P.E. | Barton & Loguidice • Greenhouse Gas Reporting Verification Under 6 NYCRR Part 253 Kenneth Fay, P.E. | Trinity Consultants • Transforming Landfills into Sustainable Assets: Approaches to Carbon Sequestration and Gas Collection | Kate Howe | Weaver Consultants Group
Room: Wapanak Moderator: Celeste McMinkle U.S. Green Building Council **1.5 PDH** *Session Sponsor:* The Water & Carbon Group	**ADVANCING PFAS DETECTION, DIFFERENTIATION AND TREATMENT** • PFAS ASTM D8421/EPA 8327: Faster Turnaround Time and Lower Cost Lindsay Boone | Pace Labs • Forensic Source Differentiation of a groundwater PFAS Plume Using PFAS Distributions | Stephen Maxwell | Tetra Tech • New Advances in Foam Fractionation for Landfill Leachate PFAS Treatment: Air Emissions and Short-Chain Removal Enhancement Lingke Zeng | Sanborn, Head & Associates

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Tuesday Activity Spotlight: Horse Back Riding

Embark on a journey of adventure as you saddle up for an hour of horseback riding and making new friends. Nestled amidst picturesque mountainsides and rivers, this experience offers the perfect blend of outdoor exploration and networking excitement. Professional guides stand ready to match each rider with their equine companion, ensuring a perfect fit for both skill level and temperament. Close-toed shoes or boots are required.

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Tuesday Activity Spotlight: Pickleball

Discover the game that's sweeping the nation - Pickleball! Pickleball offers fun and excitement for all ages and skill levels. Combining elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, this addictive sport delivers fast-paced action and endless entertainment.

02:30 – 04:00 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONT.)** | Conference Center
Room: Evelly Moderator: Amit Goyal State University of New York (Buffalo) **1.5 PDH**	**NOVEL ADVANCED PLASTICS RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES** • Selective and Sensitive Extraction and Characterization of Nanoplastics and Adsorbed Contaminants Using Microcantilevers Nydhruva Jannabhatala | State University of New York (Buffalo) • Advanced Plastic Sorting Technologies for Waste Plastic Identification Kunal Singh | State University of New York (Buffalo) • Device for Determining the Percentage of Recycled Content in a Plastic Product Thomas Thundat | State University of New York (Buffalo)
Room: Triuna Moderator: Kelli Timbrook Casella Waste Systems, Inc.	**TRANSFORMING WASTE SYSTEMS: POLICY, PLANNING AND REGIONAL RESILIENCE** • Recovering Urban Waste – Insights from New York City's 2026 Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP26) Katherine Kitchener | New York City Department of Sanitation • A Tale of Two States: Perspectives in Local and Regional Solid Waste Planning Laura Feitner Calarco | H2M architects + engineers • Planning for Integrated Solid Waste Management in New York: Funding Strategies for Resilient Systems Hannah Cooper | Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
04:15 – 05:30 p.m.	**EXHIBITORS' RECEPTION** | Events Center & Parking Lot
04:15 – 05:30 p.m. Events Center Loft Hosts: NYSAR3 and SWANA NY Young and Emerging Professionals Committees	**YOUNG AND EMERGING PROFESSIONALS MEET-UP** Join other Young and Emerging Professionals (YEP) for some networking, collaboration, and community! This event is for YEPs (see definition below) and is aimed to be come-and-go-as-you-please with the Exhibitors Reception. Take some time to connect with your fellow YEPs, learn about each other's work, debrief on information learned from conference sessions, foster a larger sense of community, and have some fun! *A "Young & Emerging Professional" (YEP) is defined as an individual in the materials management industry who is either younger than 35 years of age or has less than 5 years of experience in the sustainable materials management field.*
05:30 – 08:30 p.m.	**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**
08:30 – 11:00 p.m.	**NETWORKING… IT'S YOUR THING** | Conference Center One of the top reasons people attend this annual conference is to NETWORK! To wrap up the first full conference day, ***DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO***! This is a great social event under the stars where you can make new acquaintances and renew old ones too!
Mountainview Terrace Hosts: NYSAR3's Young & Emerging Professionals Committee	**S'MORES** Looking to network in a relaxed environment? Sit around the bonfire and enjoy the warm night air with the NYSAR3's YEPs! Enjoy s'mores, a hot beverage and giant yard games by the firepit or join us inside for board games!
Room: Bellvue Host: Dan & Kristen Lilkas-Rain	**KARAOKE, DANCING AND CHOCOLATE** Everything in the room is ENERGIZING! Chocolate will be never-ending to wrap up the first full day of the conference. The middle of the night will feature a Karaoke Contest. Later hop on the dance floor with Dan and Kristen or simply hang out. MEET SOMEONE NEW!
Mountainview Terrace	**LIGHT UP FOR BOB** | *In honor of Robert N. Matarazzo (1951 – 2020)* Puff away on a cigar while reminiscing about the old and networking with someone new!

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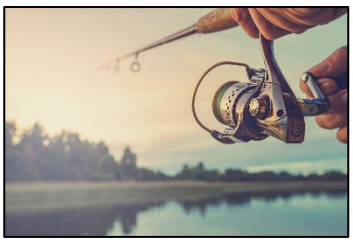
Tuesday Night Spotlight: Casino Night

Step into a world where the thrill of high stakes meets the elegance of a lavish soirée. Casino Night promises an evening of excitement, sophistication, and the chance to tempt Lady Luck herself. Professional dealers stand ready to guide both seasoned veterans and eager novices through the intricacies of each game.



07:00 – 08:00 a.m. Coordinator: David George Waga Energy	**NETWORKING JOG** | Main Hotel Join fellow professionals for an invigorating morning run or walk around Green Island. It's an opportunity to meet new people and learn about other industry perspectives.
07:30 – 08:30 a.m.	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & WHOVA HELP DESK** | Conference Center
07:30 – 08:30 a.m.	**ADIRONDACK BREAKFAST & JUICE BAR WITH EXHIBITORS** | Events Center
07:30 – 11:00 a.m.	**TRADE SHOW** | Events Center
08:00 – 08:15 a.m. Room: Abenia	**TUESDAY'S INTRO / PREP** | Conference Center Speakers, Moderators and Activity Coordinators only
08:30 – 09:30 a.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** | Conference Center
Room: Bellvue Moderator: Jillian Blake Barton & Loguidice **1.0 PDH**	**POWERING POSSIBILITIES THROUGH CLEAN ENERGY INTEGRATION** • The Modern Approach to Landfill Gas Collection and Beneficial Use David George | Waga Energy • Beyond the Landfill: Deploying Solar Across Wastewater Plants, Future Cells, and Industrial Brownfields Alex Bazeley | AC Power LLC
Room: Nirvana Moderator: Michael Garland Monroe County, NY **1.0 PDH**	**THE GAS-TERCLASS: CORE CONCEPTS AND STRATEGIC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS** • LFG – Do You Really Understand It? Back to the Basics Matt Sutz | Weaver Consultants Group • Landfill Gas System Improvements: Are They Worth It? Justin Boswell | Tetra Tech
Room: Wapanak Moderator: Peter Baker Rochem Americas **1.0 PDH**	**TINY POLLUTANTS, BIG SOLUTIONS: ADVANCING TREATMENT FOR TOMORROW'S WASTE CHALLENGES** • Turning Waste into Value: How Orlando is Using Supercritical Water Oxidation to Transform Waste Management Sudhakar (Sunny) Viswanathan | 374Water • Microplastics: The Tiny Guests that Just Won't Leave Dr. Arie Kremen | Tetra Tech
Room: Evelly Moderator: Andrea Calarco Casella Waste Systems, Inc.	**RECYCLING MARKETS UNPACKED: ECONOMIC DRIVERS, INDUSTRY SHIFTS AND WHAT COMES NEXT** • Chaz Miller | MRA
Room: Triuna Moderator: Jay Wheeler Underground Refuse Systems, Inc.	**BIN THERE, DONE THAT? NOT ANYMORE – CUTTING CONTAMINATION ONE CART AT A TIME** • How City of Yonkers Deployed Innovative Solid Waste System to Improve Collections/Containment Thomas Meier | City of Yonkers • Rolling Out Carts: Overhaul of City of Syracuse Waste Collection Ann Fordock | City of Syracuse, NY

Tuesday Afternoon Activity Spotlight: Fishing on Lake George | Embark on an unforgettable fishing adventure amidst the breathtaking beauty of Lake George, NY. Cast your line into the crystal-clear depths of Lake George, teeming with a diverse array of fish species waiting to be caught including lake trout, pike, salmon, bass, trout, and perch. With expert guides, top-notch gear, and breathtaking scenery - your perfect catch awaits.

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Tuesday Afternoon Activity Spotlight: Kayaking

Embark on an unforgettable aquatic adventure at Lake George, NY - the crown jewel of the Adirondacks! Kayaking on these pristine waters offers an unparalleled opportunity to connect with nature and explore stunning landscapes. Glide through crystal-clear waters surrounded by majestic mountains, lush forests, and

09:30 – 10:45 a.m.	**NETWORKING BREAK WITH EXHIBITOR** | Events Center
10:45 – 12:15 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** | Conference Center
Room: Bellvue Moderator: Renee Panetta Center for EcoTechnology	**SIGNALS FROM THE FIELD: TURNING OPERATIONAL DATA INTO ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE** • Herman Sinemus | SITECH Northeast • Pierce Nixon | Samsara • David Burns | IETLink
Room: Nirvana Moderator: Gregory Gelewski Madison County, NY **1.5 PDH**	**FULL THROTTLE LFG: PFAS, PERFORMANCE AND PROFITABILITY** • Quantifying Landfill Gas Generation: A Data-Driven Approach with Flow Calibrated Modeling Jonathan Lumag | Weaver Consultants Group • PFAS in Landfill Gas: How Big a Concern? Steve Zemba | Sanborn, Head & Associates Florentino De La Cuz | University of North Florida • Maximizing Return on Investment for Landfill Gas-to-RNG Projects Through Targeted Gas System Upgrades Ben Peotter | Tetra Tech
Room: Wapanak Moderator: Molly Trembley New York State Department of Environmental Conservation **1.5 PDH**	**WHEN SLUDGE HITS THE FAN: TACKLING PFAS-LOADED BIOSOLIDS** • Characterizing 40 Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Biosolids from 30 New York State Water Resource Recovery Facilities Doug Daley | SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry • The Biosolids Crisis: No One Should Put Up with This Crap Debra Darby | Tetra Tech • The Challenges of Biosolids Disposal in Landfills and How to Plan for Them Amanda Wade | TRC Environmental
Room: Evelly Moderator: Lisa Wilkinson SCS Engineers	**GROWING ORGANICS PROGRAMS: MUNICIPAL, CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY APPROACHES** • Plate to Field: Enacting Municipal Organics Management Programs Peter Jamros | WeRadiate • From Policy to Audit to System Change: The Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law and Its Impact at St. Lawrence University Lori Clark | St. Lawrence University • Composting and Waste Reduction Initiatives in the City of Albany Frank Zeoli | City of Albany
Room: Triuna Moderator: Martin Bellew Town of Islip, NY	**MEASURING WHAT MATTERS: USING WASTE DATA TO DRIVE SMATER POLICIES AND HIGHER DIVERSION** • Measuring Municipal Solid Waste: A Multivariate Approach Maeen Md. Khairul Akter | Stony Brook University, Waste Data and Analysis Center • Quantifying Diversion Opportunity in New York Residential and Commercial Waste (2021-2025) Firman Firmansyah | Stony Brook University, Waste Data and Analysis Center • Making Waste Data Usable | Laura Rosenshine | WATS (Waste Admin Software)
12:30 p.m.	**LUNCH TO GO** | Conference Center Lobby

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Tuesday Afternoon Activity Spotlight: "Chef Sagamore" Culinary Experience

Elevate your networking with the Chef Sagamore Culinary Experience, an engaging, hands-on charcuterie board learning event designed to bring people together through food and conversation. Attendees will explore the art of building a beautifully balanced charcuterie board—learning ingredient pairings, presentation and techniques. Come hungry, leave inspired, and take home skills (and connections) that last well beyond the board.

01:00 – 02:30 p.m.	**ATTENDEES' ACTIVITIES CHOICE** *Advance sign-up required on Registration Form* Boat Tour on Lake George · Horse Back Riding · Shot Gun Start Golf 'Chef Sagamore' Culinary Experience · Kayaking · Tennis Fishing · Pickle Ball · Vigorous ADK Hike
02:30 – 03:00 p.m.	**REFRESHMENTS** | Conference Center Lobby
03:00 – 05:00 p.m.	**EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS** | Conference Center Lobby Public agencies and non-profit organizations are invited to feature their programs and educational outreach on tabletop displays. Contact Luann Meyer at Luann.Meyer@bartonandloguidice.com if your group is interested in participating.
03:00 –04:30 p.m. Room: Wapanak Moderator: Melissa Young SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Center for Sustainable Materials Management	**SUZANNE D. LALONDE INSTITUTE | MESSAGING THAT MOVES PEOPLE: EDUCATION AND OUTREACH THAT ACTUALLY WORKS** This spotlight session showcases how smarter outreach and evidence-based communication can transform recycling and sustainability efforts. • Local Community Sustainability: Visualizing Landfill and Solid Waste Data for Marketing and Education Kate Howe | Weaver Consultants Group • K-12 Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Sustainability Curriculum Lisa Piering | Onandaga County Resoruce Recovery Agency • Motivate Recycle and Reuse Behaviors Through Instagram Yifei He | State University of New York (Buffalo) *The Suzanne D. LaLonde Institute honors the legacy of Suzanne D. LaLonde, a respected leader in recycling and waste reduction who helped establish one of New York State's model countywide recycling programs. The institute is dedicated to promoting practical environmental stewardship, public education, and community-based solutions that advance sustainable materials management and support the development of future environmental leaders.*
06:30 –08:30 p.m. Shelving Rock	**HORS D'OEUVRES RECEPTION** | Main Hotel For this gala reception, Business Attire - what you would wear to an important day at the office - is expected. Dress pants, khakis, presentable "crisp" jeans, dress/skirt (long or short) paired with a polo/collared shirt or fashionable top.
08:15 –10:15 p.m. Room: Bellvue	**CASINO NIGHT** | Conference Center
10:00 – 11:00 p.m.	**SUNDAE BAR** | Conference Center Lobby Golf Tournament & Casino Night Prizes awarded

Tuesday Afternoon Activity Spotlight: Shot Gun Start Golf

Ready to elevate your golfing experience to new heights? Join us for a thrilling day of Shotgun Start Golf amidst the stunning scenery of Lake George, NY, at the prestigious 18-hole golf course of The Sagamore Hotel! Whether you're a seasoned pro or a weekend warrior, Shotgun Start Golf promises a level playing field where skill, strategy, and a bit of luck converge to create unforgettable moments.

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07:30 –08:30 a.m.	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & WHOVA HELP DESK** | Conference Center
07:30 –08:00 a.m. Room: Bellvue	**REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE** | Conference Center Chat with your NYSDEC regional representatives and other peers from your region with a doughnut, coffee, and juice. There will also be tables for other northeastern states, metropolitan areas and organizations.
07:30 –10:45 a.m.	**EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS** | Conference Center Lobby *Public agencies and non-profit organizations are invited to feature their programs and educational outreach on tabletop displays. Contact Luann Meyer at Luann.Meyer@bartonandloguidice.com if your group is interested in participating.*
08:00 – 09:00 a.m. Room: Bellvue **1.0 PDH**	**NYSDEC FORECAST FOR NEW REGULATIONS: ALL SIGNS POINT TO YES** • Richard Clarkson, P.E. | New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Join Director Richard Clarkson for an inside look at what's ahead in New York's regulatory landscape. With major updates on the horizon, this forward-focused session will unpack the signals, trends, and policy drivers shaping the next wave of solid waste and recycling regulations. Attendees will gain a clear, practical preview of where NYSDEC is headed—and what agencies, facilities, and municipalities should be preparing for now.
09:00 – 09:05 a.m. Room: Abenia	**WEDNESDAY'S INTRO / PREP** | Conference Center *Speakers and Moderators only*
09:15 – 11:15 a.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** | Conference Center
Room: Bellvue Moderator: Kristin Welch New York State Office of General Services	**THE CHEMISTRY OF CHANGE: INNOVATIONS DRIVING THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT** • AI-Powered MSW Sortation: Increasing Recovery, While Reducing Disposal Volume and Overall Solid Waste Program Costs | John Kelsey | AMP • Textile Recycling: Recent Developments in Sortation and Chemical Recycling Paschalis Alexandridis | State University of New York (Buffalo) • NYSP2I Clean and Green Schools Pilot Program: Green Chemistry and Addressing Legacy Laboratory Chemical Problem Sarah Briggs | New York State Pollution Prevention Institute • Waste Reduction Initiatives at OGS Alexander Hijak | New York State Office of General Services
Room: Nirvana Moderator: Tiffany Medley Tetra Tech **2.0 PDH**	**FETCH THE FUMES: UNLEASHING NEW TECH TO HUNT DOWN LANDFILL GAS** • An Overview of the New York State Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program and a Brief Synopsis of its Differences from the Federal Program | Bryan Szalda | GHD • Advancing Remote Sensing Technologies for the Solid Waste Industry: Safer, Smarter, and More Efficient Data Collection Through Drones and Robotics Ryan Leid | SCS Engineers • Unlocking New Value at Landfills: Developing and Operating an RNG Project in New Hampshire | Andrew DiFonso | Viridi Energy • Leveraging Advanced Technology to Increase Gas Collection and Reduce Emissions Melinda Sims | LoCi Controls
Room: Wapanak Moderator: Steve Zemba Sanborn, Head & Associates **2.0 PDH**	**SOLUTIONS RISING: EMERGING METHODS FOR PFAS IN COMPLEX SYSTEMS** • Evaluating and Implementing a PFAS Treatment Solution for Landfill Leachate Kirstie Shurie | Tetra Tech • Evaluation of PFAS Transformation and Transportation between Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill | Matt Estabrooks | Sanborn, Head & Associates • Foam Fractionation PFAS Removal from Varying Landfill Leachates Andrew Punsoni | Allonia • Application and Modification of COREDFN Investigation and Analysis Methods to a PFAS-Impacted Bedrock Site | Jessica Bulova | Sanborn, Head & Associates

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09:15 – 11:15 a.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONT.)** | Conference Center
Room: Evelly Moderator: Ellen Hooker St. Lawrence County **1.0 PDH**	**REPAIR, REUSE, REIMAGINE: COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FOR WASTE REDUCTION** • Rethinking Reuse in Organizations: Challenging Assumptions to Unlock Opportunity Norm Ruttan | iWasteNot Systems Inc. James Ruttan | iWasteNot Systems Inc. • ReStore in Practice: Operations, Constraints, and Opportunities at Scale Dave Harrison | ReStore • Designing Reuse Systems that Fit: From Community Needs to Scalable Solutions Sue Momberger, P.E. | Independent Consultant, NYSAR3, NRC, SWANA • The Power of Repair: Strengthening Reuse Systems through Community-Based Services Morgan Ingraham | Syracuse University, Institute for Sustainability Engagement
Room: Triuna Moderator: Andrew Radin PaintCare	**BEYOND DISPOSAL: INSIGHTS TO NY LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CHANGES** • Update on the NY Needs Assessment: Defining the Future State and the Pathway to It Maria Bianchetti | Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) • What Does Right to Repair Legislation Mean for Solid Waste Handlers? Gay Gordon-Byrne | The Repair Association • Legislative Update: New York's Evolving Solid Waste Framework Katrina Krebs | Beveridge & Diamond, PC Megan Brillaut | Beveridge & Diamond, PC
11:15 a.m. *Evan Liblit Scholarship Fund Raffle* *$10 for 1 Ticket* *$20 for 3 Tickets* *(cash only)* *Door Prize Drawings, must be present to win!*	**BRUNCH** | Shelving Rock @ the Main Hotel *The Evan R. Liblit Memorial Scholarship is an endowed award established in 1997 by Stony Brook University to honor the legacy of Evan Liblit, a pioneering educator and innovator in recycling and solid waste management. Administered through the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS), the scholarship supports undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate strong commitment to environmental stewardship, particularly in waste management, sustainability, and related research fields. The fund is ongoing and self-sustaining, has supported nearly 60 students to date, and also promotes environmental education and dialogue through annual scholar recognition events and public symposia, ensuring Liblit's impact continues to shape future environmental leaders.*

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